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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. VAN DER STOEL DISTRESSED BY TURKISH INTRANSIGENCE

DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER STOEL RETURNED FROM ANKARA DEPRESSED AND DISAPPOINTED BY TURKISH INTRANSIGENCE ON THE CYPRUS AND AEGEAN ISSUES. MFA POLITICAL DIRECTOR RUTTEN TOLD EMBASSY THE HAGUE THAT, AFTER TALKS WITH CAGLAYANGIL AND DEMIREL, VAN DER STOEL HAD CONCLUDED:

--THE TURKS WILL NOT BEGIN AEGEAN TALKS BEFORE SISMIK ENDS ITS PRESENT VOYAGE AND WILL NOT ENTER NEGOTIATIONS UNTIL THE GREEKS WITHDRAW THEIR ICJ CASE.

--PROSPECTS FOR TURKISH ACCEPTANCE OF JOINT ACCOMMODATION AND MEDIATION ARE DIM.

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ON THE CYPRUS ISSUE, THE TURKS:

--REITERATED PREVIOUS POSITIONS, INCLUDING OPPOSITION TO EARLY RESUMPTION OF THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS; AND

--BRANDED AS "ILLUSORY" VISIONS OF ANYTHING MORE THAN MINOR TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS.

VAN DER STOEL IS STILL DISPOSED TO MAKE FURTHER EFFORTS TOWARD JOINT EXPLORATION IN THE AEGEAN, WHICH COULD AT LEAST CLARIFY WHAT RESOURCES WERE AT STAKE. (CONFIDENTIAL) THE HAGUE 4903, 9/9.)

2. SPAIN: OSORIO CLAIMS UNITY, WANTS ELECTIONS

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT ALFONSO OSORIO TOLD EMBASSY MADRID THAT, DESPITE PRESS REPORTS, HE AND SUAREZ WERE NOT AT ODDS; THE GOVERNMENT IS UNIFIED AND RESOLVED TO MOVE AHEAD WITH POLITICAL REFORM AND ELECTIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. OSORIO ADDED:

--THE COMMUNISTS WILL BE PERMITTED TO CARRY OUT POLITICAL ACTIVITIES WITH OTHER GROUPS, BUT NOT TO ORGANIZE OR STAGE THEIR OWN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.

--THE PCE'S LACK OF A POPULAR BASE AND FEAR OF ELECTIONS ARE OTHER REASONS FOR PROMPT ELECTIONS.

--THE AUTHORITY OF THE GOS TO ADOPT NEEDED ECONOMIC MEASURES WOULD BE ENHANCED BY ELECTIONS. (CONFIDENTIAL) MADRID 6857, 9/9.)

3. THE FOXBAT: VICTOR LOUIS THREATENS TROUBLE

IN A SHORT, MOSCOW-DATELINED ARTICLE IN FRANCE SOIR SEPTEMBER 9, VICTOR LOUIS WARNS THAT THE FOXBAT AFFAIR MAY CREATE "SERIOUS PROBLEMS" BETWEEN TOKYO AND MOSCOW IF THE GOJ PERMITS AMERICAN EXPERTS TO INSPECT THE PLANE AND INTERROGATE THE PILOT.

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ACCORDING TO LOUIS, IT IS A "TACITLY ACCEPTED RULE" THAT SOVIET MATERIAL FALLING INTO THE HANDS OF A THIRD COUNTRY WILL BE PROTECTED BY THAT COUNTRY AND NOT PASSED ON TO AMERICAN EXPERTS. LOUIS CLAIMS ISRAEL FOLLOWS THIS PRACTICE, AND CONCLUDES, "IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER JAPAN WILL FOLLOW SUIT."

EMBASSY COMMENT: LOUIS' SELF-CONSCIOUS AND TARDY CONTRIBU-

TION REFLECTS MOSCOW'S EVIDENT EMBARRASSMENT OVER THIS AFFAIR AND ITS SPECIAL CONCERN WITH US EXPLOITATION OF THE PLANE. LOUIS' KGB SUPERIORS EVIDENTLY FELT THAT THE POSSIBLE MARGINAL IMPACT OF AN INFORMAL LOUIS THREAT IN EUROPE FOR JAPANESE CONSUMPTION OUTWEIGHED, EVEN AT THIS ADVANCED STAGE, THE ADVANTAGES OF MAINTAINING SILENCE. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) PARIS 26179, 9/9.)

4. LAOS: WHAT A DIFFERENCE A YEAR MAKES

FRENCH EMBASSY COUNSELOR LAMBERT GAVE EMBASSY VIENTIANE HIS ESTIMATE THAT 90 PERCENT OF THE LAO POPULATION NOW OPPOSES THE LAO GOVERNMENT, WHEREAS A LITTLE OVER A YEAR AGO, THE SAME PROPORTION REJOICED AT THE COMMUNIST TAKEOVER. HE ADDED:

--WHILE THE OPPOSITION OF THE PASSIVE LAO PEOPLE POSES NO THREAT TO THE LPDR'S EXISTENCE, IT IS A SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL PROBLEM FOR THE GOVERNMENT.

--POPULAR OPPOSITION PROVIDES THE SUPPORT--OR AT LEAST TOLERANCE--ESSENTIAL TO CONTINUED GUERRILLA ACTIVITY IN SEVERAL PARTS OF THE COUNTRY. (CONFIDENTIAL)
VIENTIANE 2160, 9/9.)

5. SOVIETS PROMOTING A PLO GOVERNMENT IN EXILE?

THE FRENCH COUNSELOR IN CAIRO REPORTS THAT IN A RECENT CAIRO MEETING WITH DEPUTY PLO POLITICAL DIRECTOR SAID KAMAL, SOVIET AMBASSADOR POLYAKOV SUGGESTED THE TIME WAS NOW RIPE FOR THE PLO TO FORM A GOVERNMENT IN EXILE.

ACCORDING TO KAMAL, A PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT WOULD RAISE
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THE FOLLOWING PROBLEMS:

--WHO WOULD REPRESENT THE PALESTINIANS INSIDE ISRAEL?

--WOULD COMPETITION FOR GOVERNMENT POSITIONS DIVIDE PALESTINIANS MORE THAN UNIFY THEM?

--COULD THE GOVERNMENT BE ASSURED IT WOULD RECEIVE RECOGNITION FROM STATES THAT COUNT?

EMBASSY COMMENT: THE PLO APPARENTLY CONSIDERED AND REJECTED FORMATION OF A PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT AT THE ARAB LEAGUE COUNCIL MEETING, ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE LEBANESE CRISIS MUST BE SOLVED FIRST. ALTHOUGH RESURRECTION OF THE IDEA MAY BE LINKED TO SYRIAN IDEAS FOR A CONFEDERATION, WE HESITATE

TO ACCEPT AT FACE VALUE KAMAL'S INTERPRETATION OF PLO OPPOSITION TO A GOVERNMENT IN EXILE, AS HE IS A SELF-PROMOTER AND AN OPPORTUNIST. (SECRET) CAIRO 12162 (LIMDIS), 9/9.)

6. IRAN: MORE TERRORIST INCIDENTS EXPECTED

DESPITE THE ARREST AND DEATH OF ONE OF THE TERRORISTS INVOLVED IN THE ASSASSINATION OF THREE ROCKWELL EMPLOYEES, NEITHER EMBASSY TEHRAN NOR IRANIAN SECURITY FORCES IS

"UNDER ANY ILLUSION" THAT THE TERRORISTS' CAPABILITIES OR SCHEDULE HAS BEEN SERIOUSLY DISRUPTED FOR FURTHER EXPECTED INCIDENTS. (SECRET) TEHRAN 9129 (LIMDIS),9/9. KISSINGER

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